

Frankford Arsenal, Building 130
Northeast corner of Williams Street and Craig Road
Philadelphia
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Location: Northeast corner of Williams Street and Craig Road
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Quad: Frankford

Date of Construction: 1938

Significance: Constructed as a compressor house, Building 130 is associated with the continued development of Frankford Arsenal during the twentieth century.

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HISTORY

Building 130 was constructed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in 1938 as a compressor house. The building replaced a frame building constructed in 1912. The east addition, an air receiver room, was constructed in 1942. The building last served as a maintenance shop.

DESCRIPTION

Building 130 is a single story brick building, with a concrete foundation, measuring approximately 30 feet by 71 feet. The slate-covered gable roof has three ventilators located along the ridge line. The building has a dentiled brick cornice with full returns. A single story, flat-roofed brick and stucco addition, measuring approximately 15 feet by 15 feet, is attached to the east facade. Window openings are rectangular, with concrete sills and brick soldier course lintels. The sash are six-over-six units. Two-leaf paneled and glazed doors are centered in the south and west facades. The interior is open, with exposed steel Fink roof trusses.

SOURCE

John Milner Associates, "Historical and Archeological Survey of Frankford Arsenal" (West Chester, PA: John Milner Associates, 1979).

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